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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution requires the Congress of the United States to convene a constitutional convention upon the application of two-thirds of the several states; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly has made applications to the United States Congress to call one or more conventions to propose amendments concerning specific subjects to the United States Constitution, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution; and

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WHEREAS, Some of the applications on file from the Illinois General Assembly are from more than 100 years in the past, and since that time Illinois has more than doubled in population and our laws and resolutions should keep pace with progress in the State; and

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WHEREAS, A constitutional convention convened by Congress could make sweeping changes to the United States Constitution and threaten the liberty of future generations of Illinoisans; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly is aware that other state legislatures have made applications requesting that

1 Congress convene a constitutional convention; and

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly does not want its  
3 previous applications for a constitutional convention to be  
4 included with any unrelated applications made by other state  
5 legislatures for a constitutional convention; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
8 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that all resolutions,  
9 memorials, applications, or other enactments previously passed  
10 by the Illinois General Assembly, or either house thereof,  
11 petitioning Congress for a convention under Article V of the  
12 United States Constitution are rescinded, canceled, voided,  
13 nullified, and superseded upon passage of this resolution; and  
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent,  
16 within 30 days of passage, to the Clerk of the United States  
17 House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States  
18 Senate, and each member of the Illinois Congressional  
19 delegation; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the members of the Illinois General  
21 Assembly request that this Joint Resolution be published in  
22 the Congressional Record and listed in the official tally of

1 state legislative applications relating to calling for the  
2 United States Congress to call a convention to propose  
3 amendments to the United States Constitution.